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PREFACE

The Montana Legislative Services Division provides information resources for legislators and other interested persons before, during and after a legislative session. These resources are designed to help people understand the legislative process and locate legislation, committee testimony, and codified statutes.

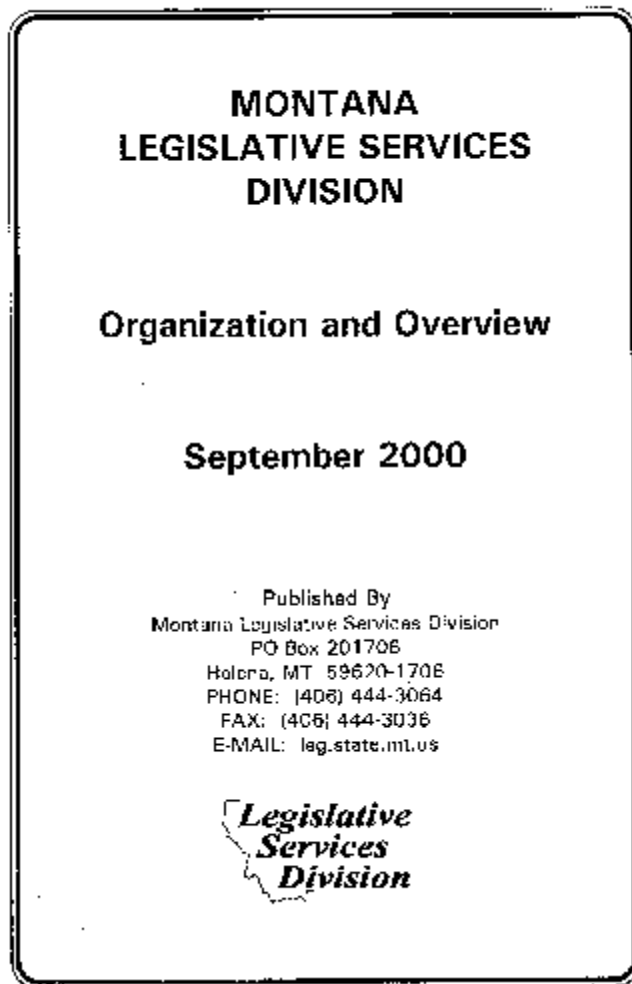
This brochure provides a brief introduction to the various sources of information published by the Montana Legislative Services Division.

During the legislative session, the Legislative Information Office is open in the Capitol to help people with questions. Legislative information is also available by phone at 1-406-444-4800. Several computer terminals in the Capitol provide access to the latest information on introduced bills, and information is available through the Internet at <http://leg.mt.gov>. The Legislative Branch website offers the Legislative Automated Workflow System (LAWS) which provides access to bill tracking systems, committee hearing and floor agenda information, and the full text of bills.

To learn more about any part of this brochure, contact the Montana Legislative Services Division, Room 110, State Capitol, PO Box 201706, Helena, Montana 59620-1706, phone 1-406-444-3064, e-mail leglib@mt.gov.

**MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION:
ORGANIZATION AND OVERVIEW**

This brochure describes the history and functions of the Montana Legislative Services Division. It includes an organizational chart and is available free through Legislative Services while supplies last.



**CATALOG OF PUBLICATIONS AND
INTERIM STUDY FINAL REPORTS**

This leaflet contains a bibliography of all Legislative Services Division (formerly Legislative Council) research study reports from 1957 to the present. It is supplemented by a list of reports from the current interim and is updated in March of each session year. The leaflet is free and is available through Legislative Services.

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INTERIM STUDY FINAL REPORTS
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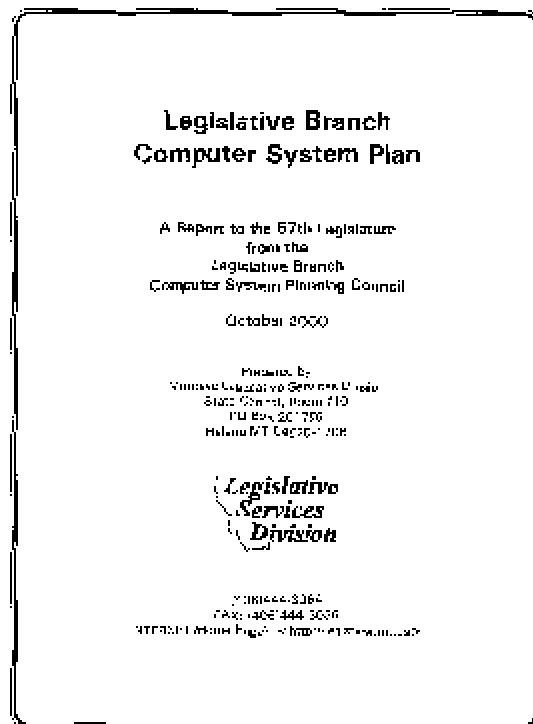
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MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

INTERIM STUDY FINAL REPORTS

The Legislative Services Division prepares and publishes final reports of interim committees staffed by the Division. The reports contain a copy of the joint resolution requesting the study; committee membership and staff; actions, findings, and recommendations of the committee; and any proposed legislation to be brought before the Legislature.

A bibliography of these research reports is found in the Catalog of Interim Study Final Reports. Copies of final reports can be ordered from Legislative Services and are available on the Legislative website. Copies are free while supplies last.



BILL DRAFTING MANUAL

The Bill Drafting Manual sets forth uniform standards and instructions on bill drafting. It includes information on the mechanics, style, and technique of drafting bills, resolutions, amendments, and referendums. Sample bills and resolutions, plus a bill drafter checklist, are included.

This publication is free and is available from Legislative Services.

Chapter 1

Bill Drafting Generally

1-1. Policy and the Bill Drafter.

Bills may be drafted for various persons and groups by bill drafters. Some bills are drafted by the Legislative Services Division staff at the request of a legislator or committee; some are drafted by personnel of departments of state government, and some are drafted by counsel retained by private individuals or groups. Bills requested by an agency or a committee must be preintroduced. Preintroduction is accomplished by having an individual legislator file a preintroduction form that is provided by and returned to the Legislative Services Division. A copy of the form is contained in Appendix F.

The drafter's function is to translate the objectives and policies of the person or group for whom the bill is drafted into clear, concise language. The drafter may not express personal thoughts or promote self-interest, but must remain an impartial technician. To do otherwise is to risk drafting legislation containing ideas or implications not intended by the person for whom the bill is drafted.

1-2. Constitutionality — Statutory Provisions.

A bill is, in essence, a proposed statute. A statute is the vehicle by which the Legislature exercises its lawmaking power. The United States and Montana Constitutions are the fundamental law upon which our government is based, and any statute enacted by the Legislature must conform to them. Aside from the constraints of physical reality, the Legislature's lawmaking power is limited only by these two Constitutions and by federal statutes. Under the Supremacy Clause (Art. VI) of the U.S. Constitution, any act of Congress that is not itself in violation of the U.S. Constitution may not be contravened by a state legislature. Thousands of volumes have been written on the subject of constitutionality of statutes. However, the purpose of this manual is not to provide an exhaustive discussion of these problems as they may be encountered in bill drafting but to emphasize that constitutionality is a paramount consideration and to bring to the reader's attention a few of the more frequently recurring problems. As a minimum, all bill drafters should periodically review the entire Montana Constitution, which

A LEGISLATOR'S HANDBOOK

The Legislator's Handbook provides an overview of the operations of the Legislature, legislative service agencies, and state government. Topics covered include centralized services, legislative interns and aides, and lobbying and lobbyists. Procedures of standing committees, how a bill becomes law, the 12 orders of business, and fiscal note requirements are also reviewed.

Copies of this free publication are available from Legislative Services while supplies last. A summary of essential information called "Legislator Educational Information" is also available from Legislative Services.

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The Telephone Directory is published each session by U.S. West and is a valuable, pocket-sized information source. It contains the names of Senate and House members, along with their political affiliation, district number, home address, Internet address if available, spouse's name, business occupation, and committee assignments. Also included in the directory are names of state officials and agencies; legislative committee meeting days, with times and places; seating charts; orders of business; and maps.

This directory is free and is available from the Legislative Information Office and Legislative Services.

MEMBERS OF THE 1999 MONTANA LEGISLATURE

Senate District No. 1 Ric Holman (R)	House District No. 1 Marian W. Hanson (R) House District No. 2 Ralph Leahart (D)
Senate District No. 2 Gerry Devlin (R)	House District No. 3 Tom Zook (R) House District No. 4 Gary Matthews (D)
Senate District No. 3 Reiny Jabs (R)	House District No. 5 Lila V. Taylor (R) House District No. 6 Bill Eggers (D)
Senate District No. 4 Mark Cole (R)	House District No. 7 Monica Lindgren (D) House District No. 8 Robert C. Clark (R)
Senate District No. 5 Thomas F. Kensing (R)	House District No. 9 Mark Noonig (R) House District No. 10 Royal C. Johnson (R)
Senate District No. 6 Mike Spangue (R)	House District No. 11 Kim Gibbon (D) House District No. 12 Loren L. Scott (R)
Senate District No. 7 John Dicksinger (R)	House District No. 13 Joan Hurdle (D) House District No. 14 Roy Brown (R)
Senate District No. 8 William E. "Bill" Glaeser (R)	House District No. 15 Daniel Fuchs (R)

RULES OF THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE

The Joint Rules, Senate Rules, House Rules, an index to those rules and the Montana Constitution and its index are all included in this publication. This booklet also gives a brief listing, with the corresponding rule number, of deadlines and time limitations for the session.

The booklet is published each legislative session and is available early in January for a nominal charge from the Distribution Center.

I JOINT RULES 10-80

CHAPTER 10

Administration

10-10. Time of meeting. Each house may order its time of meeting.

10-20. Legislative day -- duration. (1) If either house is in session on a given day, that day constitutes a legislative day.

(2) A legislative day for a house ends either 24 hours after that house convenes for the day or at the time the house convenes for the following legislative day, whichever is earlier.

10-80. Schedules. The presiding officer of each house shall coordinate its schedule to accommodate the workload of the other house.

10-40. Adjournment — recess — meeting place. A house may not, without the consent of the other, adjourn or recess for more than 3 days or to any place other than that in which the two houses are sitting (Miriam's Constitution, Art. V, Sec. 10(5)).

10-50. Access of press. Subject to the presiding officer's discretion on issues of decorum and order, an accredited press representative may not be prohibited from photographing, televising, or recording a legislative meeting or hearing.

10-60. Conflict of interest. A member who has a personal or private interest in any measure or bill proposed or pending before the Legislature shall disclose the fact to the house to which the member belongs.

10-70. Telephone calls. (1) Long-distance telephone calls made by a member while the Legislature is in session or while the member is in travel status are considered official legislative business. These include but are not limited to calls made to constituents, places of business, and family members.

(3) Session staff, including aides and interns, may use telephones for long-distance calls only if specifically authorized to do so by their legislative sponsor or supervisor. Sponsoring members and supervisors are accountable for use of state telephones by their staff, including aides and interns, and may not authorize others to use state phones.

BILL DRAFTING REQUEST REPORT

As they are received by Legislative Services, bill drafting requests are assigned numbers known as LC numbers and filed in the legal office. LC numbers identify the bill drafts during the drafting process. Information from the request form is used to produce the Bill Drafting Request Report which is printed for distribution in four parts: by Subject, by Requestor, by Request of a Committee or Agency, and by Drafter. These reports show the LC number, bill number, short title, requestor, sponsor, and drafter. Copies are available for use in the Legislative Services offices, the Legislative Reference Center, at the Distribution Center and at the Legislative website through the Legislative Automated Workflow System (LAWS). They may also be purchased from the Distribution Center. The number of pages determines the cost.

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CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED

MCA Code Sections Affected by Bills & LCs

Another report generated through LAWS lists all code sections that may be repealed or amended by proposed bills. Bill drafters use this list to avoid conflicts, correct redundancies, and solve problems. The printout is available for use in the Legislative Services office or the Legislative Reference Center and may be purchased from the Distribution Center.

Code Sections Affected List

After the session is completed, a Code Sections Affected List is generated that lists in code title order all code section numbers that were enacted, repealed, amended, or renumbered. This list is published as part of the Legislative Review and the Session Laws.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED

Title-Ch-Sec.	Action	Chapter	Bill #
1-1-207	amended	Ch. 491	SB 33
1-1-517	enacted	Ch. 296	SB 352
1-1-518	enacted	Ch. 296	SB 352
2-3-301	enacted	Ch. 464	HB 616
2-4-102	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-110	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-302	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
	amended	Ch. 41	HB 184
2-4-305	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-306	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-307	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-308	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-311	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-312	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-313	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-401	repealed	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-402	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-404	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-405	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
	amended	Ch. 46	HB 184
	amended	Ch. 339	HB 625
2-4-406	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-410	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-412	amended	Ch. 19	SB 11
2-4-603	amended	Ch. 451	SB 46
2-5-101	amended	Ch. 485	HB 620
2-6-102	amended	Ch. 485	HB 620
2-6-103	amended	Ch. 125	SB 136
2-6-104	amended	Ch. 485	HB 620
2-6-105	amended	Ch. 305	SB 153
2-6-110	amended	Ch. 405	HB 578
2-9-312	amended	Ch. 584	SB 184
2-9-316	amended	Ch. 23	HB 284
2-11-103	amended	Ch. 51	HB 38

BILLS

Each version of a bill, whether introduced, reported out of committee, passed by the chamber of origin, or approved by both chambers (plus all second-chamber amendments), is available for purchase through the Distribution Center. The price is set by the Legislative Council. The text of bills is also available for download from LAWS.

Legislative Services keeps one copy of each reading version on file. Other copies are distributed to state agencies, public libraries, and County Clerk and Recorder offices. The State Law Library keeps a copy of all versions of all bills back to 1975.

Bill Language

HOUSE



AN ACT PROVIDING REFERENCE SERVICE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL AND
AND PROVIDING ONLY EMPLOYEES FROM EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF A REDUCTION IN HOURS
PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATE AND PROTECTIVE OR FINANCIAL BENEFIT CALL

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.

Section 1. Beginning with the fiscal year 2001, the Department of Public
Health and Human Services shall provide reference benefits to Montana State Hospital employees who are
employees that shall due to a reduction in hours during the overtime ending June 30, 2001. For each
in 2001-2002, the department shall work with the employees with reduced hours to determine what
amount of payment for reference benefits.

Section 2. Appropriate. There is appropriated from the general fund \$250,000 to the
Department of Public Health and Human Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to be used for
the purpose of Section 1.

Section 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect on passage and approval.

- THE -

Bill
Number

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THE
LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL OF MONTANA

As bills are introduced, a subject index is compiled and printed. This index, which is updated daily, lists all introduced bills under standard subject headings. Using this tool, a bill number can be located when only the subject of the bill is known.

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The status of bill drafts and legislation is available through the computerized Legislative Automated Workflow System (LAWS) on the Branch website. Information on the system includes bill status data, standing committee hearing schedules (for either a specific committee or for a specific date), primary sponsor bill lists, a subject list of bill draft requests and introduced bills, House and Senate agendas, journals and floor action..

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search page allows searching also by bill type, requestor, drafter, committee or status.

Montana Legislature
Look Up Bill Information

+ View Detailed Bill Information for a Specific...

Bill Type and Number: (e.g., HB 1234)
 OR
 Bill Number and Title: (e.g., HB 1234)

OR: Searching for Bills by...

Subject:
 Primary Sponsor:

Detailed bill information includes the bill number, short title, sponsor and a complete record of actions on the bill or resolution.

Montana Legislature
Detailed Bill Information

Top | Search | Previous | Next | Add Bill to Favorites | Print | View Source

Bill Draft Number: **LC0450** [View Bill Log](#)
 Bill Type: **HB**
 Short Title: **Establish position for, and establish, enforce, and create**
 Primary Sponsor: **Mr. M. Can**

Bill Actions - Current Bill Progress: Become Law

Bill Action Count: 47

Action - Most Recent First	Date	Author	Votes	Committee
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			
Placed on the Agenda	12-20-99			

Each standing committee's hearing schedule is available on the computer system. The hearing date, time, place, and bills scheduled for consideration

by the committee are included.

Information on all the hearings scheduled in the committees of a particular chamber (House or Senate) on a particular day is also available.

Montana Legislature
Committee and Hearing Information

+ View Detailed Information for a Specific Committee

Committee Name:

All Scheduled Hearings in this House and Senate for a given date range:

From Date: To Date:

10/21/99 to 10/21/99
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[History and Final Status](#)
[Legislation](#)

LAWS also allows users to maintain preference lists of bills for which they would like to see status information. There is no cost for this service which can be set up online.

Paper copies of two reports produced from LAWS are available for purchase from the Distribution Center. The daily hearing schedules and the daily bill status report are available by subscribing to the legislative proceedings or by direct purchase. The price is set according to the number of pages.

Additional information available electronically includes the Montana Code Annotated which is published on a compact disk as well as in soft-bound books, and on the Legislative website. The House and Senate Journals and the History and Final Status information described below are also published on compact disk and on the website. Committee minutes for the 1999 session are published on the web page for that session.

HISTORY AND FINAL STATUS OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

After session, the History and Final Status of Bills and Resolutions is published. This volume combines the bill status data from the Bill Status Inquiry System with the sponsor list, the index of introduced bills, and an effective date table. A supplement contains corrected voting records for bills and resolutions.

Copies are available to subscribers of the legislative proceedings free of charge. Nonsubscribers can purchase copies from Legislative Services. The information is also available on the Legislative website.

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SB 56	Introduced by McCarthy, et al. Provide Financial Support for the Montana University System with a Statewide Mill Levy as Provided for in Referendum Measure No. 113.	LC0523 Chair: C. Erickson	
1214	Introduced		
1222	Referred to Judiciary		
1001	1st Reading		
1001	Fiscal Note Requested		
1001	Fiscal Note Received		
1004	Referred to Education and Cultural Resources		
1007	Fiscal Note Printed		
1011	Reading		
1014	Committee Executive Action - Bill Passed	9	0
1014	Committee Report - Bill Passed		
1115	2nd Reading Passed	51	0
1115	3rd Reading Passed	48	0
1214	Transmitted to House		
1222	Referred to Education		
1222	Reading		
1226	Committee Executive Action - Bill Deferred as Amended	19	0
1226	Committee Report - Bill Deferred as Amended		
1226	2nd Reading Concurred	43	16
1226	3rd Reading Concurred	64	14
1226	Referred to Senate with Amendments		
1230	2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred	75	0
2002	3rd Reading Passed as Amended by House	50	0
2002	Senate Enacting		
2003	Returned from Enacting		
2004	Signed by President		
2004	Signed by Speaker		
2004	Transmitted to Governor		
2008	Signed by Governor		
2008	Chapter Number Assigned		
	Chapter Number 4		
	Effective Date: 2008-1999 - All Sections		
SB 57	Introduced by Bang Require the Department of Administration to Adopt Rules for the Appropriate Uses of State-owned or Leased Motor Vehicles...	LC0293 Chair: C. Erickson	
	By Request of Department of Transportation & Department of Administration		
1214	Introduced		
1222	Referred to Highways and Transportation		
1004	1st Reading		
1010	Reading		
1115	Committee Executive Action - Bill Passed as Amended	11	0
1115	Committee Report - Bill Passed as Amended		
1115	2nd Reading Passed	46	0
1120	3rd Reading Passed	50	0

HOUSE AND SENATE JOURNALS

The House and Senate Journals provide a record of all actions taken on introduced bills and resolutions. The journals are printed daily during the session, and they set forth the text of communications between houses, committee reports, transmittal correspondence to and from the executive, and votes on motions, amendments, and bills. The journals are not verbatim and do not contain a transcript of debate in the Committees of the Whole. Daily journals can be purchased from the Distribution Center.

After session, the daily journals are published electronically on CD-ROM by Legislative Services. The electronic version contains search software that allows the user to search the journals in a wide variety of ways. The journals are also available through the Legislative website.

The daily journals are furnished free of charge to each County Clerk and Recorder, the State Library, and the State Law Library. Subscriptions to the journals are available through the Distribution Center.

SENATE JOURNAL SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Heleda, Montana
March 24, 1999
Senate Chambers
State Capitol

Session convened at 1:00 p.m. President Crippen presiding. Invocation by Reverend Keith Johnson. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call All members present except Senators Grimes and Roush, excused. QUORUM present.

Mr. President: We, your committee on Bills and Journals, having examined the daily journal for the sixty-fifth legislative day, find the same to be correct.

Miller, Chairman

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND JOURNAL (Miller, Chairman): 3/24/1999
Correctly passed: SB 16, SB 18, HB 283, SB 296, HB 421, HB 523, HB 578, HB 598, SB 632, HB 1, HB 7, HB 11, HB 14, HB 17.
Correctly concurred: SB 164, SB 531, SB 533, HB 484, HB 506, HB 607.
Examined by the sponsor and found to be correct: SB 64, SB 70, SB 235, SB 288, SB 348, SB 361, SB 369, SB 386, SB 415, SB 438, SB 457, SB 466, SB 5, SB 12.
Signed by the President at 3:15 p.m., March 23, 1999: SB 183, SB 198, SB 222, SB 261.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The first report published following the completion of a regular session is the Legislative Review. This publication provides a summary of all bills that will become law. The summary of provisions is organized by chapter number, with bill number, chief sponsor, and the title of the bill included.

The index is divided into a subject index, a code sections affected list, a table of session laws affected, a table of session law to code, a chapter number to bill number and bill number to chapter number list, plus the effective date table, for easy reference. This index is used as a temporary index until the revised MCA index is available.

The Legislative Review is free to all subscribers to the Montana Code Annotated. Nonsubscribers are charged a nominal fee. Contact Legislative Services for further information.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

86th Legislature
in Regular Session
January 4, 1999 to April 21, 1999

and

in Special Session
June 15 & 16, 1999

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SESSION LAWS

The complete text of each bill that has been passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor is published in hard cover under the title: Laws of Montana (year). The set is popularly referred to as the "Session Laws". Staff of the Secretary of State's office assign each bill a chapter number chronologically, with Chapter 1 designating the first bill passed and signed.

All initiatives, referendums, and constitutional amendments passed by the voters during the interim also appear in the Session Laws.

Subscriptions to the Session Laws are available from Legislative Services.

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CHAPTER NO. 23

(HB 284)

AN ACT REVISING LAWS GOVERNING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS; PROVIDING IMMUNITY TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS AND EMPLOYEES; AUTHORIZING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO SATISFY A SETTLEMENT USING FUNDS AUTHORIZED BY 2-8-318, AUTHORIZING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO EXECUTE THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATIVE TO STREAMBED PRESERVATION UNDER THE PROCEDURES OF TITLE 76 CHAPTER 15, AUTHORIZING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS WATER PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND FUNDS, GRANTS, AND LOANS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-8-318, 76-15-320, 76-15-408, AND 76-15-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 2-8-318, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-8-318. **Judgments against governmental entities except state.** Except as provided in 76-15-402, a political subdivision of the state shall satisfy a final judgment or settlement out of funds that may be available from the following sources:

- (1) insurance;
- (2) the general fund or any other funds legally available to the governing body;
- (3) a property tax, otherwise properly authorized by law, collected by a special levy authorized by law, in an amount necessary to pay any unpaid portion of the judgment or settlement, except that such tax levy may not exceed 10 mills;
- (4) proceeds from the sale of bonds issued by a county, city, or school district for the purpose of deriving revenue for the payment of the judgment or settlement liability. The governing body of a county, city, or school district is hereby authorized to may issue such bonds pursuant to procedures established by law. Property taxes may be levied to amortize such bonds, provided the levy for payment of any such bonds, settlements, or judgments may not exceed, in the aggregate, 10 mills annually."

Section 2. Section 76-15-320, MCA, is amended to read:

"76-15-320. **Legal status of district -- immunity.** (1) A conservation district and the supervisors thereof and conservation district shall have the same

MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED

The Montana Code Annotated is the systematic arrangement of all permanent state statutes (laws) currently in effect in Montana. The MCA is published in two parts: the code itself and the annotations to the code. A new edition of the code is printed every odd-numbered year, with new laws added, repealed laws deleted, and amended statutes updated. The Legislative Services legal staff is responsible for the codification process.

An entry in the MCA includes the statute, its legislative history, and any compiler's comments and cross-references to related code sections.

The second part of the MCA, the annotations, incorporates background materials relating to the statutes, including pertinent official comments, amendment summaries, case notes, references to administrative rules, digests of Attorney General's opinions, and citations to law review articles, bar publications, and legal encyclopedias. An explanation of each of these items is found in the preface to Volume I of the annotations.

The code and the annotations can be purchased from Legislative Services. The MCA is available in hard copy, on CD-ROM, and on the Legislative website. Certain MCA titles are printed separately and can be purchased in pamphlet format. Annotation titles can be purchased individually in pamphlet format or as a complete set.

1-1-201 GENERAL LAWS AND DEFINITIONS

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1-1-201. Terms of wide applicability. (1) Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply in the Montana Code Annotated.

- (a) "Oath" includes an affirmation or declaration.
- (b) "Person" includes a corporation as well as a natural person.
- (c) "Several" means two or more.
- (d) "State", when applied to the different parts of the United States, includes the District of Columbia and the territories.
- (e) "United States" includes the District of Columbia and the territories.
- (2) Wherever the word "man" or "men" or a word which includes the syllable "man" or "men" in combination with other syllables, such as "workman", appears in this code, such word or syllable shall be deemed to include "woman" or "women" unless the context clearly indicates a contrary intent and unless the subject matter of the statute relates clearly and necessarily to the male sex only.

(3) Whenever the term "hereinafter" occurs in any statute, it shall be construed to mean any time previous to the day such statute shall take effect. Whenever the word "hereafter" occurs, it shall be construed to mean the time after the statute containing the term shall take effect.

INTERIM DIRECTORY OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

The Interim Directory of Legislative Committees contains a summary of those joint resolutions requesting interim studies that were chosen for legislative study. Membership for each interim committee is given, along with the Legislative Services staff member assigned to the committee.

The directory also includes: (1) membership of the statutory committees receiving Legislative Services staff assistance; (2) membership of permanent legislative committees; (3) Montana's legislative representatives on the Council of State Governments and National Conference of State Legislatures committees; and (4) membership on other committees associated with the Legislature.

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Sub-205, 207A resolution

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shall act as a liaison and forum for state and tribal relations.

Membership

Not less than half of the members must have served on this following session standing committee:

- House
 - Judiciary
 - Appropriations
- Senate
 - Judiciary
 - Finance and Claims

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PRE-SESSION CAUCUSES

Pre-session Caucus Schedules Set -- Please Read Carefully -- This is new.

After much discussion among senior legislators and legislative leaders, pre-session caucus dates and times have been readjusted and reset. Senate and House caucuses will be held at different times as noted below. As always, everyone who is elected or involved in a race not settled as reported in the unofficial results will receive an individual invitation to the caucus of their party.

House of Representatives: Republican and Democrat caucuses will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 17.

Senate: Republican and Democrat caucuses will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday November 18.

For more information on Democrat and Republican organizational caucuses, contact each caucus leader: Senator Tom Beck (Senate Republicans), Senator Mike Halligan (Senate Democrats), Representative Aubyn Curtis (House Republicans), or Representative Joe Trovati (House Democrats).

Caucuses for "third parties" can be organized as needed by members of those parties following the election.

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